



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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SUBJECT: PGM – Fiscal Year 2007 Contribution Agreement with Indiana Department of Natural Resources for Conservation Reserve Program CP33 Assistance.

Purpose: To distribute guidance to implement the fiscal year 2007 CRP CP33 contribution agreement with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007.

Action Required: Immediately

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Indiana and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Division of Fish and Wildlife, have entered into a Contribution Agreement to develop Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, management plans. This agreement states that we have a mutual interest in helping to bring about the conservation and wise use of land, water, wildlife, and related resources.

Note that at this time only the **Continuous CRP CP33 management plans** will be completed by the District Biologists. District Conservationists should forward CRP-2s received from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to the District Biologists for the CP33 practices that will not be serviced by NRCS.

The following process will be followed to implement this contribution agreement:

1. The **NRCS DC** will compile landowner contact information (phone and address), contract location (plat book map or equivalent with the property highlighted), conservation plans (NRCS-CPA-1155 from Toolkit), and plan maps (with practice location marked) for each appropriate CRP-2 received from FSA with the practice CP33. **The NRCS DC will contact the IDNR District Biologist and deliver this information immediately** to ensure there is sufficient time for the IDNR District Biologist to work with the CRP participant.
2. The **IDNR District Biologist** will complete the following:
 - a. **Management Plans** (i.e. – practice specifications / CP33 Job Sheet recommended - http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CRP/07%20program%20sheets/IN_CP33_ProgramSheet_vMay07_1-0.doc) for CP33 will be delivered to the **producer** and **NRCS**

- i. Required documentation/deliverables to be delivered to NRCS and the participant are found in the Statement of Work in Section IV of the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG) for practice 386 – Field Border.
- b. The **District Biologist** will sign and document that the Management Plan was completed on a *FY07 NRCS Technical Assistance Referral Form* (attached), and submit it to **their IDNR Regional Private Lands Supervisor** and the **NRCS District Conservationist**.

The fiscal year 2007 contribution agreement is effective through March 31, 2008. However, reimbursement will only be made for those activities that are initiated during the period of April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

I am excited about the continued partnership with IDNR and look forward to the great conservation and wildlife habitat that will be accomplished in Indiana through this agreement.

Please contact Harold Thompson, Assistant State Conservationist - Programs, for questions regarding CRP at (317) 290-3200, ext. 320, and Dave Stratman, Biologist, for all technical questions at (317) 290-3200, ext. 354.

/s/

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Enclosure

DIST: District Conservationists, Area Conservationists, Area Program Specialists, Resource Management Specialists, Harold Thompson, Elana Cass, Shannon Zezula, Roger Kult, Dave Stratman

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